MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
OAK GROVE CHURCH, DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
SEPT. 17 AND 18

1924

OFFICERS

Moderator ..... J. L. PRICE
Clerk ..... J. S. BARNETT
Treasurer ..... CHAS. P. DOCKERY
Preacher ..... W. Q. MAER
Alternate ..... J. W. LEE
Doctrinal Sermon ..... W. M. McGEHEE

The Next Session of the Association will be Held with New Prospect Church on Wednesday and Thursday Following Second Sunday of September, 1925

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The 83d session of the Coldwater Baptist Association was held with the Oak Grove Church September 17th and 18th, 1924. Services began by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer by Dr. Jeffries. Song. "King's Business." Devotional conducted by Dr. P. L. Lipsey, reading 2d. Psalm. Song. "Love Divine."

On motion the present officers were reelected, namely: J. L. Price, Moderator; J. S. Barnett, Clerk; C. P. Dockery, Treasurer.

On motion a program as outlined by W. M. McGehee was adopted.

A committee on committees was appointed as follows: C. E. Emerson, J. N. Cleaveland, and Hugh Foster.

On motion Horn Lake church was received into the Association on application. The following named visitors were recognized: Brethren Lipsey, Jeffries, Quisenberry, Hewlett, Miss Traylor and members of Tate county Association.

At this time, Miss Traylor spoke on Woman's Work.

On motion, Dr. Quisenberry was given the preaching hour and gave a great address on the needs of the foreign fields. After prayer, dismissed for noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The following committees were appointed:

Finance—B. P. Gooch, T. P. Flymn, L. N. Cleaveland.

Nominations—C. P. Dockery, T. P. Janney, T. J. Brigance.

Digest—W. M. McGehee, Jake Dunaway, Dr. A. L. Emerson.

Report on Hospitals read by Dr. Emerson, spoken to by Dr. Jeffries and Dr. Lipsey, and adopted.

Report on State Missions read by B. P. Gooch; discussed by Dr. Lipsey, Brethren Hugh Foster, C. E. Emerson, J. R. G. Hewlett, and adopted.

Treasurer made report. Adopted as read.

Report on the 75 Million Campaign read by Hugh Foster; discussed by Dr. Hewlett. On motion this report continued over until the next day.

Finance Committee made report which was adopted.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY SESSION

Meeting began at 10 o'clock. Devotional led by Mayer. Chas. Dockery appointed clerk pro tem.

Bro. R. A. Cooper spoke on the 75 Million Campaig the 1925 Program; also Brethren J. L. Price, C. E. Em spoke on the same subject.

W. M. U. report made by Mrs. W. Q. Maer, (meeting yesterday in school building.) The following officers elected: Supt. W. M. U. work—Mrs. W. Q. Maer; Y Peoples' Leader—Mrs. Bolton; Mission Study Leader— Harry Wheeler.

Report on Christian Education read by W. M. McG Section A—discussed by W. M. McGehee, C. P. Dockery, W. Q. Maer. Section B—spoken to by W. Q. Maer.

Adjourned for noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer by Bro. Shackelford.

Report on B. Y. P. U. by Mrs. W. Q. Maer. Spoken to C. P. Dockery, R. A. Cooper, J. L. Price, Dr. A. L. Emerson P. Janney.

Report on Sunday School and Orphanage passed, spoken to by R. A. Cooper, W. M. McGehee and W. A. Sha elford.

Report by the Executive Committee read by W. McGehee; spoken to by J. L. Price, Chas. P. Dockery, and E. Emerson.

Reports of all committees appointed last year received a committees discharged.

Committee on Digest of Letters made report. Clerk i structed to complete the report on digest if other letters a sent in.

The body extended thanks for the entertainment of th Association.

Report on Nominations submitted and adopted.

Place of next meeting—New Prospect.

Time of next meeting—Wednesday and Thursday follow ing 2nd Sunday in September, 1925.

Preacher Associational Sermon—W. Q. Maer; alternate, J. W. Lee. Preacher Doctrinal Sermon—W. M. McGehee; alternate, R. A. Cooper.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention—J. S. Barnett.

Member State Board—Dr. A. L. Emerson.

Report on Education—W. Q. Maer, chairman.

Report on Missions—Hugh Foster, Chairman.
Report on Social Service—Dr. A. L. Emerson.
W. A. Shackelford was made member of Executive Committee from Horn Lake and L. W. Mosby member from Love Station.

The clerk was allowed $25.00 for services.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Received by Statement	Dismissed by Letter	Dismissed by Exclusion	Dismissed by Death	Present Membership	Contributions for Local Purposes	Contributions for Denominational Purposes	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Contribution
Eudora	4	1						142	$737 00	$52 50	83	$7 50
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State Line	10				1		2	156	1583 59	731 69	67	639 98
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CONSTITUTION OF COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as THE COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF MISSISSIPPI.

Art. 2. The purpose of this Association shall be that the churches composing it may take counsel together through their representatives, as to the best and most efficient means of advancing the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; to receive and perpetuate information concerning the statistical, financial and spiritual condition of the churches; to suggest and advise as to the best means of promoting the interests of all institutions fostered by the Baptists of Mississippi and to more closely unify the work of the churches.

Art. 3. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, at each meeting of the Association, each accredited delegate to be entitled to a vote.

Art. 4. The duties of the Moderator shall be to call the meeting to order, to preside over the deliberations of the body when in session, to appoint such committees as may be necessary and to discharge all the duties usually required of the presiding officer of deliberative bodies.

Art. 5. The duties of the Clerk shall be to receive and file all letters or other communications delivered to him by the messengers, to faithfullly record the proceedings of the Association, and to prepare and have printed and distributed all committee reports, statistical tables and such other proceedings and information, as may be deemed useful and helpful to the churches, and to preserve all permanent records of the Association.

Art. 6. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all money that may be sent up by the churches or otherwise contributed, to disburse the same under the instructions of the Association in accordance with the purpose for which said money was designed.

Art. 7. The meeting of this Association shall be held annually at such time and place as may be designated by the members when in session, provided, that in the event any annual meeting shall not be held at the time or place designated, then the officers of the Association may name a time and place for the meeting.

Art. 8. This Association shall be composed of messengers chosen by the several churches from among their own members, who shall present letters of correspondence from their respective churches showing their election as messengers, the number of members in fellowship, the number received during the preceding year by baptism, by letter, by restoration, the number dismissed by letter excluded, suspended or died, and the amounts contributed by the church to all objects during the year.

Art. 9. Each church within the bounds of this Association shall be entitled to five messengers until its membership exceeds fifty, and one messenger for each additional fifty members or fractional part thereof.

Art. 10. Churches of this Association failing to have a representative at any meeting will be expected to state the reason for such failure at the next meeting, and if any church shall fail for three consecutive meetings to have a representative, the Association may consider it dropped from the roll of membership, or may send a committee to inquire into the state of the church as the Association may deem advisable.

Art. 11. Other Baptist churches may be admitted to this union by signifying their desire to do so, by messengers and letters, provided they be deemed orderly and orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Art. 12. The funds necessary for the expenses of the Association, as printing minutes, paying the Clerk and other incidental expenses shal furnished by voluntary contributions and the churches are advised to by their messengers to each annual meeting a contribution for such purpo

At. 13. Any church may be at liberty to send up to the Associa such funds as it may think proper, for missions, Bible or benevolent inst tions, which shall be forwarded as they may be designated by the chu sending the same, and if no directions be given by the church or send then the Association may direct the manner of its distribution.

Art. 14. This Association shall not legislate for the churches, or ad any rules and regulations inconsistent with the independence of the church but may advise churches, or may separate from such as are known to wa disorderly.

Art. 15. Any church of this Association, having a difficulty which cannot settle, may present the same to the Association for suggestion a advice. Such cases must be presented in the letter of correspondence sta ing the reasons why it cannot be settled by the church.

Art. 16. This Association may correspond by letter and delegates wit the Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, and such other Associations a it may deem conducive to the interests of the kingdom of our Lord.

Art. 17. This Association shall not receive for discussion or action from any source, any query or other matter which shall have a tendency to disturb the harmony of this body.

Art. 18. At each annual meeting of this body, it shall be the duty of the Moderator by and through the recommendation of the churches, and by and with the advice and consent of the Association, to appoint an Executive Committee, to be composed of one member from each church composing this body, and to name from the members so chosen a Chairman whose duty it shall be to call the members together and to preside during their deliberations.

Art. 19 It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to meet at least once in each year, to inquire into the needs of the churches composing this Association, as to financial aid, to recommend to the Convention Board of the Baptist State Convention such appropriations to needy churches as may be deemed necessary or advisable and to report their proceedings to each annual meeting of the Association.

Art. 20. The minutes of the procedings of the Association shall be read for correction and information and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before final adjournment, and no meeting shall be adjourned until the business has been finished.

Art. 21. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this body, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

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